

**T**HE finest, the most unique, and the best located all-the-year resort hotel in the world is being built in Asheville, N. C. It will be opened July 1st, 1913, under the management of Wm. S. Kenney, of The Mount Washington, Bretton Woods, N. H., and Hotel Clarendon, Seabreeze, Florida.

It is being built of the great boulders of Sunset Mountain at whose foot it sits. It is being built by hand in the old fashioned way, ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF, and will be full of rest, comfort and wholesomeness.

It is being built plainly, but as richly as man can do it. Four hundred one-piece rugs are being made at Aubusson, France; the furniture is being made by hand by the Roycrofters; the silver hand-hammered; and the "big room" will contain two great stone fire-places, capable of burning twelve-foot logs.

In front of this hotel, GROVE PARK INN, are one hundred and sixty acres of golf links and lawn, and all around, miles of majestic mountains and the wonderful climate. The Hotel Company owns eight hundred acres around the hotel and consumptives will not be taken.

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## THE PICTURESQUE LUMBEE

Delights of Comparatively Unknown  
Canoeing Trip Graphically Told



WE PUT our canoes in at Blue's Bridge on the Lumbree River, just southwest of Pinehurst, the famous winter resort in High Sand Hills of North Carolina, and started down stream. That part of the Lumbree (Croatan for beautiful water) lying between Blue's Bridge and Lumberton, for a distance of one hundred and thirty-seven miles, more or less, has never been surveyed by the Government. No boat in the history of the river had ever made the voyage. Dugouts and bateaus or

made this section and especially that part of it lying between Blue's Bridge and Wagram, a distance of forty miles, their domestic headquarters. They are so unaccustomed to boats of any kind, and especially to boats and paddles that make no sound, that they are often caught off their guard.

At first the wild beauty of the stream absorbed our attention, aside from the skill required to navigate this river-canal, that always seemed to be going straight ahead, but that in reality winds in the ratio of three miles of water to one mile by land, and that races around some corners or "cow faces" at the rate of ten miles an hour. Of course there are straight paths now and again, "reaches" the rivermen call them, and at all times



"WE PAUSE FOR LUNCHEON"

rafts, for local use and fishing out in the "logans," were the only floats known. For the greater part of the distance the river winds through a wilderness of timber that has never seen an axe. The stream is so crooked in this sand hill region that rafting is out of the question and it is too able in itself and the river bottom is too dense for successful logging operations. On this account the cypress, the gum, oak and juniper, along with occasional groups of lowland pines on the hummocks in the swamps, have been allowed to stand, although men with axes looking for a dollar have passed that way.

This stretch of river country has long been the safe retreat and breeding place for the wild game of this region. Some of the "ox bows" that make up the river bends are a mile deep. Turkeys, raccoons, deer, bear and wild hogs have

the water, except on the short side of some of the bends is bold right up to the banks. In many places the great trees nearly met overhead and our roadway resembled the nave of a cathedral. Pale green mistletoe, wistaria vines and the red bugle decorated the trees on either side high up, while iron wood blossoms, blue flag blossoms and dogwood in bloom determined the character of the wainscot on both banks, for it was in the month of April this run of the river was made. Even in December the stream is fascinating and beautiful, for the colors linger in the foliage until January, and in February and March the holly, mistletoe, pine and bay bush afford the needed green for contrast with the gray bark of the cypresses, the brown bark of the pines and the gray Spanish moss to be found on the lower levels. The river water itself is rich in color, juniper water it is

## THE HIGHLAND PINES INN

Weymouth Heights,  
Southern Pines, N. C.

A. I. Creamer Lessees and Managers M. H. Turner



**T**HIS BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL STYLE HOTEL was erected during the past summer. Located one mile above Southern Pines, within five minutes' walk of the Country Club. More than fifty rooms which connect with private bath. All rooms furnished with best box spring beds and hair mattresses. Cuisine and service unsurpassed. Booklet upon application.

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